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SUBJ: PAK PM TO VISIT TEHRAN OCTOBER 1

1. PAK FOREIGN OFFICE ANNOUNCED LAST NIGHT THAT PM BHUTTO WILL PAY A ONE-DAY UNOFFICIAL VISIT TO TEHRAN OCTOBER 1 AT INVITATION OF SHAH. ACCORDING TO ANNOUNCEMENT, SHAH AND BHUTTO WILL DISCUSS RECENT INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENTS WITH SPECIAL REFERENCE TO THE SEVENTH SPECIAL SESSION OF THE UNGA AND THE FORTH-COMING PARIS CONFERENCE ON ENERGY, RAW MATERIALS AND DEVELOPMENT (IN WHICH PAKS VERY MUCH WANT TO PARTICIPATE). THE PM'S ENTOURAGE WILL INCLUDE FINANCE SECRETARY GENERAL A.G.N. KAZI, FOREIGN SECRETARY AGHA SHAHI, FINANCE SECRETARY ABDUR RAUF SHAIKH, AND MFA OFFICIALS.

2. COMMENT: TEHRAN VISIT, WHICH APPEARS TO HAVE BEEN LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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SCHEDULED AT SHORT NOTICE AT INITIATIVE OF BHUTTO,

WILL BE FIRST MEETING BETWEEN TWO LEADERS SINCE SHAH'S
"UNOFFICIAL" JOURNEY TO LARKANA IN FEBRUARY. LIKE
BHUTTO'S VISIT TO SAUDI ARABIA EARLIER THIS MONTH, IT
WILL DOUBTLESS HAVE AS ONE OF ITS PRINCIPAL PURPOSES
AN EFFORT BY PM TO ENLIST FINANCIAL SUPPORT, PARTICULARLY
FOR THE PURCHASE BY GOP OF MILITARY EQUIPMENT
FROM THE US AND ELSEWHERE. WE UNDERSTAND THAT PAKS
HAD BEEN TOLD EARLIER THAT NO IRANIAN DECISION ON THIS
KEY ISSUE WOULD BE FORTHCOMING UNTIL THE OPEC DECISION
ON OIL PRICES CLARIFIED IRAN'S FINANCIAL POSITION;
THIS MAY HELP EXPLAIN SCHEDULING OF MEETING AT THIS
TIME. IN THIS CONNECTION, PAKS MAY ALSO SEEK FURTHER
IRANIAN ASSISTANCE TO OFFSET INCREASED OIL PRICES AND
URGE GREATER IRANIAN SUPPORT FOR MEASURES DESIGNED TO
HELP POORER THIRD WORLD COUNTRIES MEET THIS PROBLEM.
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